

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT MAY 26, 1951

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
First Division							
Brighton	9	5	1	3	30	10	13
Prahran	9	6	2	1	36	19	13
Yallourn	9	4	0	5	23	13	11
Sunshine United	9	5	3	1	20	16	11
Box Hill	9	4	3	2	23	22	10
South Yarra	9	3	4	2	26	20	8
Park Rangers	9	2	3	4	15	16	8
Sandringham City	9	3	4	2	18	22	8
Footscray City	9	2	5	2	15	31	6
Sunshine City	9	0	9	0	12	49	0

Yallourn S.C. fined 2 points by League Management Committee.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Second Division							
J.U.S.T.	9	8	1	0	35	11	16
Juventus	9	5	1	3	34	10	13
Moreland	8	6	1	1	16	11	13
Hakoah J.R.C.	9	5	3	1	26	17	11
F.N.D.	9	4	4	1	21	28	9
South Melbourne	8	3	5	0	19	20	6
Preston	9	2	5	2	18	38	6
Fifers	8	2	5	1	16	23	5
University	9	2	6	1	19	33	5
George Cross	8	1	7	0	14	27	2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Third Division							
Inter. Harvester	9	8	1	0	42	7	16
Moorabbin City	9	6	2	1	25	19	13
Coburg	9	4	2	3	21	14	11
Royal Caledonians	9	4	3	2	23	26	10
White Eagles	8	4	3	1	22	14	9
Olympic	8	3	5	0	17	19	6
Williamstown	9	2	7	0	17	20	4
Woodlands	9	0	8	1	6	54	1

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Fourth Division							
Polonia	9	9	0	0	47	2	18
Slavia	9	8	1	0	40	15	16
Ulsterville	9	7	2	0	33	12	14
Maccabi	8	3	4	1	19	18	7
Frankston	9	3	5	1	24	23	7
Heidelberg	9	2	7	0	6	52	4
Balwyn United	9	1	7	1	14	33	3
Geelong United	8	0	7	1	9	37	1

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT MAY 26, 1951

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Under 19							
Brighton	6	6	0	0	20	2	12
Preston	6	6	0	0	25	5	12
Sunshine United	5	4	1	0	16	4	8
South Melbourne	6	3	1	2	17	8	8
Juventus	6	3	2	1	11	9	7
Moorabbin City	5	1	3	1	5	11	3
Sandringham City	5	1	3	1	5	13	3
Northcote	5	1	4	0	10	15	2
Hakoah J.R.C.	6	0	5	1	1	32	1
Footscray City	2	0	2	0	1	3	0
Yallourn	3	0	3	0	1	6	0

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Under 17 "A" Section							
Brighton	6	4	0	2	20	4	10
Army Apprentices "A"	6	3	2	1	14	10	7
South Yarra	6	3	2	1	12	9	7
Sandringham City	6	3	2	1	21	13	7
Sunshine City	6	2	3	1	4	18	5
Park Rangers	6	1	4	1	6	10	3
Sunshine United	6	1	4	1	3	16	3

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Under 17 "B" Section							
Northcote	7	6	0	1	17	5	13
Box Hill	7	4	1	2	19	11	10
South Melbourne	6	3	3	0	16	10	6
Army Apprentices "B"	7	1	3	3	9	17	5
Preston	7	1	4	2	6	16	4
Coburg	6	0	4	2	7	15	2

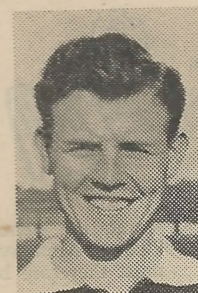
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Under 15							
Sunshine United	5	5	0	0	24	2	10
South Melbourne	5	4	0	1	16	1	9
Northcote	6	4	2	0	21	8	8
Brighton "A"	7	3	2	2	22	9	8
Brighton "B"	5	3	2	0	13	7	6
Preston	7	3	3	0	13	8	6
Park Rangers	7	2	3	2	8	14	6
Ringwood Boys	6	2	4	0	12	19	4
Box Hill	5	1	3	1	8	19	3
Moreland	5	1	4	0	5	33	2
South Yarra	5	0	5	0	2	24	0

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Under 14							
Coburg	6	6	0	0	36	2	12
Park Rangers	7	5	1	1	24	4	11
Sandringham City	7	4	1	2	34	9	10
South Melbourne "A"	6	4	1	1	44	9	9
Sunshine City	6	3	3	0	33	9	6
Box Hill "A"	7	3	4	0	23	20	6
Brighton	7	2	5	0	8	39	4
Moorabbin City	7	2	5	0	5	45	4
Box Hill "B"	6	1	5	0	2	38	2
South Melbourne "B"	7	1	6	0	0	34	2

Did you notice the Editor's mistake last week? England v. An Australian XI is at Richmond Football Ground.

Dutch World Cup Team

Dutch soccer players are asked to send their names and addresses to J. S. Grompvoets, 33 Oakover Road, Preston, N.18, and arrange to meet fellow countrymen to play friendly games for selection of a team to represent their country in the World Cup Competition. It is aimed that these practice matches will not be allowed to interfere with players' Saturday matches.



Eric Heath

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Tom Jack

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Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.B.



Last week I must confess to a terrible mistake in advertising the venue of the Australian XI v. England game. This match will take place on Monday, June 11, at the Richmond football-ground. All previous notices must therefore be ignored.

The result of the first Test match, although hardly gratifying for those of us who wish to see Australia cut a good figure, at least shows that we have players who are capable of putting up a good show.

When the tourists come to Melbourne, fans may rest assured the Victorian team (announced on another page) will be considerably stronger than the one which travelled to Adelaide. The final State trial was played last Sunday in very bad weather conditions, and with the ground getting muddier and muddier as the match progressed, revealed that Victoria can put up an attacking side in any weather — wet or dry.

The team of eleven players and five reserves carries with it the best wishes of all soccer supporters and the confidence of the selectors whose task has not been an easy one. It is confidently felt that this team will give such a good account of itself that in any changes to the Australian side for the second Test, Victorians must be well in the running for them.

First Division games this week brought off two surprises. League leaders, Brighton, lost to Sunshine United, while Sandringham got on top of Box Hill at Olive Street and climbed out of the relegation zone.

In the second Division J.U.S.T. continued on its winning way by triumphing over Navy, but Juventus, a much improved side, is a side that is chasing hard.

International Harvester defeated Woodlands by the huge total of 15-0 in the Third Division. We understand that Woodlands is somewhat short-handed and the club can do with some new members. Its membership has dropped. Readers looking for a game could well contact the Woodlands club officials.

Still the only club with full points in any division is Polonia. It is away ahead in Division 4. Only Slavia is within striking distance.

Last week reference was made in this paper to the enthusiasm of the new club, Frankston, which is producing its own news-sheet. It is good also to see the revival of enthusiasm in an old club. Last week's State trial was held at the Moreland club's ground. The efforts of that club to ensure a good show were very marked. The hot cup of tea to players and spectators showed that the ladies were right on the job. Then, too, the well-marked-out ground on such a foul day was a credit to the club. Well done, Moreland!

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THE FIRST TEST

46,000 Witness Australia Lose

By TOM JACK

The pleasing sight to soccer officials was the 46,000 spectators at the first Test in Sydney last Saturday. This must dispense any fears over the high expense of running the tour. It is thrilling to soccer fans that our game on the last two Saturdays in Sydney has attracted approximately 100,000 people. Spectators began to reach the Sydney cricket-ground as early as 7.30 a.m., and reserved seats were unobtainable on Friday afternoon. England, after early scoring three of its four goals, had afterwards to battle hard to win 4 to 1.

England was first to take the field, and led by its captain and managers, was greeted with a sincerely vociferous ovation. The Australian side received too a great reception.

Captain Bob Lawrie won the toss for Australia and decided to take advantage of a light breeze. Clarke kicked off for England. The visitors at once went into attack through Hagan and Langton. This attack, however, was frustrated and Australia rushed down the field. A good cross by Kemp was cleared by Flewin, and England was attacking again. A long pass from Sewell found Langton unmarked. A cross to the far goalpost was fumbled by Conquest, who let the ball slip out of his hands into the net. This was a disastrous beginning for Australia, whose side had not settled down. More trouble ensued when a few minutes later Sewell beat Conquest with a snap shot after the ball had struck the cross-bar. England was definitely on top and a third goal came after 15 minutes. Then Clarke netted from a doubtful off-side position. After 25 minutes of play came Australia's only goal. Parsons, who had stepped into the side at the last minute because of a training injury to Nunn, took the ball on the full from a Robertson cross and crashed an unsaveable shot past Bartram.

A tightening up in the Australian defence prevented England advancing its lead before half-time. England was checked in playing the pretty football seen the previous Saturday against New South Wales. If fortune had been Australia's way the score at half-time could have been 1-1. The pace of the game so far had been terrific. It was obvious that neither side could keep it up.

England was off to a flying opening in the second half and five minutes after resumption Hurst, who had been England's best forward, with Langton, out-paced Australia's defence and gave Conquest no chance with a fast low ball. The remaining 40 minutes of the second half was a grim battle. The Australian defence took the honours. Drummond at left-back was the outstanding player for Australia. Time and time again he broke up the Sewell-Hurst partnership with his fast and sliding tackling. Parsons at centre-forward was the only real weakness in the Australian team. All the other players rendered good service.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD?

Norman Conquest has a remarkable record. He has played against almost every touring side that has visited the Commonwealth since 1938. The visitors have been India 1938, Palestine 1939, China 1941, South Africa 1947, Yugoslavia 1949, and England 1951. In all he has played in 15 Tests for a loss of 21 goals — excluding the four last Saturday. His school mate and inseparable friend, Les Drummond, has played with him in 13 of the 15 Tests.

By the way the Editor made a mistake last week. England v. an Australian XI on King's Birthday holiday (Monday, June 11) will be played at the Richmond football-ground.

Publicity and Propaganda Committee

ENGLISH SOCCER TEAM RADIO INTERVIEWS

- Friday, June 8: Station 3AW, 6.30 p.m. Jack Sewell, Jimmy Hagan.
Session: "Sports Newsreel."
- Friday, June 8: Station 3XY, 7.30 p.m. Sam Bartram, Frank Lock.
Session: "Highlight from the World of Sport."
- Friday, June 8: Station 3UZ, 7.10 p.m. John McCue, Gordon Hurst.
Session: "Spotlight on Sport."
- Friday, June 8: Station 3KZ, 8.15 p.m. Manager Mr. Wiseman, Captain Mr. R. Flewin. Session: "Kia-Ora Sports Parade."
- Friday, June 8: Station 3AR or 3LO, 6.40 p.m. Captain of England.
- Saturday, June 9: Station 3UZ, 10.15 a.m. Sydney Owen, Bill Smith.
Session: "Soccer Spotlight."
- Saturday, June 9: Station 3AW, 8.38 p.m. Captains of England and Australia.
Session: "London Stores Show."
- Sunday, June 10: Station 3AW, 9.30 a.m. Bobby Langton, Bob Shotton.
Session: "Spotlight."
- Sunday, June 10: Station 3UZ, 7.38 p.m. Mr. H. J. Dockerty.
Session: "Fifty and Over."

A.B.C. description of games played Saturday and Monday relayed through Radio Australia to Korea, and recorded broadcast to England. —E. H. LOW, chairman, Publicity and Propaganda Committee.

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From "Soccer News" Overseas Correspondent,
Richard Dreyfus.

I thought I was back at Yarra Park, Campbell Reserve, or Sandringham. Two hundred heavily overcoated hatted men lined the ground and half a dozen enthusiastic youngsters kept the "keeper" company at the side of his goal posts. The ground was soggy and the skies dark grey.

But I wasn't in Melbourne. I was watching a match between Aspen Football Club and Hakoah Recreation Club in Vienna's top amateur division.

I choose to see the amateurs in preference to the professional leagues. I wanted to compare standards with Australia, to see whether amateur sport and professionals could exist side by side and prosper. What I saw made me dubious that they could.

Allowing for the heavy turf and the referee, who must have given 60 free kicks for offences ranging from talking on the ground to accidental handling, I am sure that a good Victorian first division reserve team could have beaten both Aspen and Hakoah Vienna. The standard was far poorer than I had anticipated and few of the players were fit. Most of them had run themselves into the ground well before the final whistle blew. I could not comprehend why the long driving kick was not preferred to the short pass when conditions were so unfavourable to the narrow game. In front of goal the forwards played as though they were equipped with ballet shoes instead of football boots. With goal-keepers practically stuck to the ground, frontline men never thought of taking the opportunity of shooting when they were within scoring range. They passed and dribbled and lost the ball.

Vienna's amateur league is the fourth division in the city's football set-up. First is A League, then B League and thirdly Vienna League. (Third is semi-pro.). The first two are professional divisions, paying up to £10 a week for their players. This might not sound much to Australian readers, especially when compared with wages in Australia. But £10 is a very good income in poverty-stricken Austria today.

While the professional league clubs are relatively well off today, the amateur league is in the doldrums. Austrians just will not pay the gate money to see a second rate amateur match when they can watch the country's best for a few grotschen more. It must be admitted that the Austrians are good. Their best 11 beat England's Tottenham Hotspurs 1-0 in the opening game of the Festival of Britain exhibitions.

However, the same cannot be said about the amateurs. The clubs are struggling to keep above water. Hakoah Vienna is being financed by five businessmen who have recently returned to Austria from abroad. They pay expenses of the players who cannot afford the tram and bus fares; they help to find accommodation for those who have been evicted and jobs for the unemployed.

There is no lack of players for amateur soccer in Vienna. Few are willing to go on the field Sunday after Sunday without the knowledge that the club will help them financially if they are injured during the match. With most clubs unable to raise funds to provide the necessary security for players, their best men either try to get into the professional or semi-pro leagues or drop out of the game altogether.

It is a sorry state for the game to be in, but no more sorry than the general economic and social situation in Austria today.

FRANK BROOME

NOTTS COUNTY AND ENGLISH TOURISTS

By Rex Benson

When Joe Hulme was retiring from Soccer just before the war, the rising star competing for Stanley Matthews's place on the England right-wing was Frank Broome. Wearing the famous claret shirt of Aston Villa, Broome was able to continue playing in England during the war years. A fine example of his match-winning prowess was in evidence at Molyneux Park on May 31, 1942, when unknown to the big crowd, the Bombers were already running-up for the first thousand bomber raid of the war. Broome was then a guest player for Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Cup Final, and he supplied two goals, plus the two centres, to enable the Wolves to beat Sunderland 4-1. The full-back had no answer to Broome's dashes down the wing. The next year he assisted the 'Villa to carry off the trophy.

After the war, Broome was with Derby County, but had lost a little of the magic touch. Signed by Notts County to partner Sewell on the right-wing, and with the incomparable Tommy Lawton at centre-forward, the County won promotion last season to the Second Division. This star-studded forward line netted over a century of goals.

Matthews, the wizard of dribble, usually takes the ball to the corner-flag before centring. He thus ensures that his forwards are always on-side, whereas Broome's play is characterised by his willingness to cut in and try a shot. There are merits to both methods.

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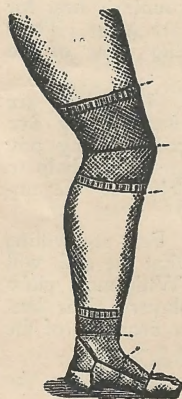
We have received several articles from correspondents, for which we thank them. All of these will be printed in due course — after the English tour when the space situation will improve. —EDITOR.

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SUNDAY GAME AT MIDDLE PARK

On Sunday, June 3, a friendly game, Park Rangers v. Polonia, will take place at Middle Park. The kick-off will be at 2.45.

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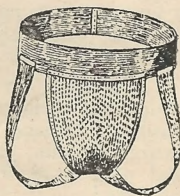
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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON



SUNSHINE CITY STAR

Versatile Sunshine City player, Cox, recently took the knock against Yalourn. Rumour has it that Cox will soon be back in the City's side. Where is the problem? So far Cox has played in nearly every position bar goal. Lucky Sunshine to have so versatile a man.

OLD TIMERS NOTE

Two of the most well-known soccer personalities in England are Tom Whitaker, manager of Arsenal, last season's cup winners, and Syd Seymour, genial chairman of Newcastle United, winners for this season. Both were played in the professional team that visited Australia in 1925.

STRANGE, BUT TRUE

Sam Bartram used to take the penalty kicks for Charlton Athletic. Fancy running about 250 yards for one kick at the ball.

TALKING OF PENALTIES

Eddie Hopgood, England captain and Arsenal right-back, once headed a penalty. His shot was punched out by the goalie, and Hopgood headed it into the net. This is the only case on record.

PROTECTION FOR GOALIES

Square goalposts are not allowed in the English League, in order to lessen the risk of injury, but this ruling is not enforced in Scotland.

BAYSIDE MURMERS

Sandringham City's popular president (Mayor of Sandringham Cleweth) says: "Sandringham City will be in the First Division next season. The team is just feeling its feet." Good luck Hammers, you have had your troubles. Maybe now you are on the "Up" again. Then it will not be long before a flash new pavilion arises at Ludstone Street.

LUCKY HI-REF.

The referee is allowed to retain the ball after the F.A. Cup Final. A valuable memento at today's prices!

QUIZ

Can a team score two goals without a member of the opposing side touching the ball in between the scoring of them? See next week.

UNLUCKY

Joe Wilson, ex-English paratrooper, and now outside-right for Prahran, missed out on selection for the first Test last week. My spies tell me that Joe's near-by colleagues were not at their best. These Sydneysiders find it hard to see talent from the south. My opinion is Joe will click before the season is over.

THE BLUES

Matches often take place in Britain on snow-bound grounds. In this case the pitch is usually rolled to pack down the snow, and the lines marked out in blue.

POOL-HAPPY POMMIES

One committee member of "Soccer News" has just received a letter from England asking his views on the respective strengths of clubs this season. The reason for this sudden interest in Australian soccer? Australian fixtures again appearing in the English football pools, Britain's seventh largest industry.



STATE SELECTORS

The Victorian team to play England on Wednesday, June 6, on the Melbourne cricket-ground is as follows:—

Czaoderna (Polonia)		Drummond (Brighton)	
Heath (Moreland)		Jack, Captain (Brighton)	Drennan (Sunshine United)
Kennedy, Vice-Capt. (Moreland)			
Wilson (Pahran)	Bambro (Pahran)	Bell (Yallourn)	Zablocki (Polonia)
			McKenzie (Brighton)

Reserves: (Goal), Weight (Park Rangers); (Back), Clarke (Moreland); (Half-back), Weatherall (Pahran); (Forwards), Evans (Sunshine United), Zakomarok (I.U.S.T.).

Any changes for the team to play England on Saturday, June 9, also on the M.C.G., will be made from the five reserves. These 16 players are required to turn up at Campbell Reserve, Moreland on Sunday, June 3, at 2.15 p.m., for training. A. KERR, chairman State Selectors.

Soccer Queen Carnival

SOUTH MELBOURNE DANCE



South Melbourne United Soccer Club's social committee will hold a dance on June 9 (Saturday) at St. Anselm's Hall, Langridge Street, Middle Park, in aid of our Soccer Queen. Contestants for the title are Misses J. Painter, D. Barr, E. Munsen, Y. Lockwood, B. Baxter and Miss Zelli.

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Letters To The Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,— Recently two Brighton first team players, both comparatively young, underwent a Referee's written and oral examination, and passed almost 100%. They are helping the Juniors, and their knowledge of the laws of the game is a fine service to the club and soccer generally.

Any club players desiring to become a Referee when their playing days are over, my committee will be pleased to advise and help. —Yours etc., SIDNEY F. THOMPSON, Chairman Referees Examination Committee.

Sir,— While wandering through the Cranbourne Road Reserve at Frankston, imagine my surprise to, see a soccer pitch with all the necessary equipment, i.e., nets and regulation sized corner posts, painted red and black, Frankston Soccer Club colours. This is appreciated after seeing many grounds without these necessary items. I discovered that the nets were hand made. It will be for the good soccer in general if all clubs were encouraged by the main body to have similar up-to-date equipment. I noticed a good English practice at half-time. The home team served out oranges to both home side and visitors. The refreshments were brought around on a silver tray by an attractive young lady. These little gestures give soccer a good name. May I take this opportunity of thanking the teams for the splendid performance they put up.— Yours etc., A MERE SPECTATOR.

Sir,— An unsportsmanlike incident occurred at a recent game at Footscray. An ardent visiting supporter declined to contribute to our collection box, until (to use her words) something was done about the disgusting lack of facilities. We feel the lack of them, particularly in regard to showers. But without the generosity of supporters at our home games, my committee finds its efforts to reach the standard of other clubs is a very hard uphill struggle. Yours, etc., M. BABER, Ladies' Social Committee, Footscray City Club.

Sir,— Upon reading Gippsland Gleanings by Harry Bayley in the "Soccer News" issue (12/5/51), it is understandable how he felt over the non-appearance of South Yarra Juniors under 19 at Yallourn, but let him get his facts clear.

On the 16/4/51 a letter to the Secretary of the V.J.A.S.F.A. informed that body that South Yarra Juniors under 19 would not function for the 1951 season and therefore all fixtures would have to be cancelled.

Is it not then the job of the V.J.A.S.F.A. to notify all clubs concerned to that effect? Let time be no excuse, for the Yallourn match was not detailed until 28/4/51. It is to be hoped that after reading these true facts Mr. Bayley and others at Yallourn, who uttered growls over the absence of the non-existent Junior team, will alter their views and make a mental apology.— For and on behalf of the South Yarra Soccer Club, W. E. BINYON.

Sir,— Allow me to express appreciation of the excellent refereeing of Mr. Grant in the Prahran-Sunshine City match. I am sure players and spectators enjoyed his prompt decisions and it was an object lesson on how to umpire. But what has happened to the advantage rule? Players are pulled up for trivial fouls. Still in possession of the ball penalises the receivers. It is a forgotten rule I have never seen in operation this season. Congratulations on your excellent publication. Yours, etc., —J. FINNEY.

Local and Imported

By ALEX JARVIS

In regard to the recent article, "Australians and New Australians," by D. H. Bingham, in "Soccer News," he mentions that his club has about 30 new players to try out.

There is a danger in having too many new players in any club, and it is this. Should most of them be good enough for the first and second teams, what happens to all of last year's players? To get a game, do they have to transfer to other clubs, start a new club, or stand on the line?

Furthermore, we are endeavouring to teach the youth of Australia (in our case, Victoria) to play Soccer. If we deprive them of the opportunity and incentive to gain selection in our senior teams (and in interstate and international games) by playing too many overseas players we defeat our object of increasing the number of soccer clubs and players.

We know that the overseas player has the background and experience which the local player lacks, but club officials should remember that there must be room for both when selecting teams, and by arranging a maximum number of players to be signed on by a club. By doing so, the standard of the game generally must ultimately be higher, some of the excess overseas players will form new clubs, whilst the local player will learn the finer points of the game by playing together with the more mature player from overseas.

I am sure that, as far as the sporting public of Australia is concerned, one thing that would appeal to their sporting instinct and pride to a very large degree, would be that Australia was able to be represented at soccer at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956 with a team composed entirely of Australian boys, who are sufficiently skilled in the game to hold their own with international teams from overseas.

[A reply to this article will be welcomed. ED.]



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Club Jottings

Next week, owing to the visit of the English team, no Club Jottings are required. The following week the Club Jottings section will function as usual. EDITOR.

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FRANKSTON

Last Saturday at Royal Park in the return match, Frankston was beaten by Ulsterville 2-1. Winning the toss, Frankston kicked with the strong wind without advantage. Missing a hotly disputed penalty (the third missed this year) Frankston lads seemed downhearted. That Ulsterville scored a very simple goal didn't improve matters. Against the wind Frankston went off after the change with a great burst of determination. While it failed to get the ball in the net, Ulsterville gained another gift goal. However, in 10 minutes, C. Davenport gained Frankston's opening after a brilliant solo effort. An all-out effort for the equaliser didn't materialise.

The game was not up to Frankston's usual standard and this penalty missing is a thing that has to be remedied. In order to raise funds there has been organised a "Clean Newspaper Drive." Many shops are short of wrapping paper, and several have promised to take this paper. —P. IMS. [Please do not write too much on the game when you are playing away. ED.]

JUVENTUS

After a week's heavy rain, Olympic Park behaved like a skating rink last Saturday. Though the surface was not ideal by any means, good football was seen many times.

Juventus started off against the wind. While quick into the attack, repeated shots for goal were monotonously driven back by the Maltese goalie. He played heroically all day and simply revelled in the muddy conditions. It was mainly through his efforts that the first half closed with the score 0-0.

In the second half, Juventus took command and its first goal came from Muzzin who netted with a straight drive. Trentini then cleverly whizzed in goals two and three. The last came from Pittoni who nursed the ball from the centre until it was safe between the posts. Congratulations to Rubini and Ciucetta. These Juventus halves are brick walls. Rubini's passes are a delight to watch.

Juventus seconds also came home with laurels — 2-1. These boys are doing exceptionally well and no doubt are looking for a place in the firsts.

Don't forget the Soccer Dance at St. George's Hall, Rathdown Street, Carlton, every Friday night. Something fishy last week when results of the raffle were announced. The captain won first prize and the president second!! E. SARTORI.

L'impressione generale sulla partita Juventus-George Cross e' quella che la Juventus avrebbe vinto molto piu' facilmente se il terreno fosse stato migliore e se il George Cross non giocasse cosi' pesante e falloso. L'eterno difetto della Juve e' quello di avere all'attacco due reparti, uno destro, l'altro sinistro, che giocano troppe disgiunti. Sono piaciuti fra gli avversari il portiere e fra i nostri sono emersi Rubini, Ciucetta, Pittoni e Trentini.

L'arbitro e' l'eterno rovina partite, mancanza di valutazione e di soppressione del gioco scorretto. —CARLO VALMORBIDA.

[As my knowledge of Italian is limited to swear words, I hope there is nothing rude here. Other National clubs please note that short notes in their own language are welcomed by "Soccer News." Please type them. ED.]

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MOORABBIN CITY

Two valuable points were gained at Coburg's expense. English conditions prevailed. With the ground partly water-logged players had free baths. Kicking into the stiff wind, Moorabbin in attack found conditions too hard for accurate goaling. In the second half the home inside-left volleyed from 25 yards and beat the Coburg keeper all the way. Good keeping checked the continuous attacks by Moorabbin and the final score, 1-0, was a compliment to the visitors' keeper and full-backs.

Moorabbin Reserves have still to gain a win with eight games gone. The Juniors gave Brighton, League leaders and undefeated to date, a shock in the Cup Tie. Two full parlour coaches will take team and supporters to the vital match at Geelong today. The school boys will have the gift of a brand new size 4 ball from supporters. —FRANK McIVER.

PARK RANGERS

Against Sunshine City, the home team showed the benefit gained from "keeping the ball moving," especially in the first half with a helping wind. The forwards with good combination and anticipation exerted great pressure on the visitors' defence. In spite of the 4-0 score against the City rearguard broke up many threatening attacks. The Rangers' defence dealt with the Sunshine forward line and Murray, in goal, had less work to do than Wiles at the opposite end. Rangers first three goals came from good passing moves, Guy, Clarke and Mulcahy being the scorers. Guy scored the fourth during a scramble in the goal area. The second half was scoreless with Sunshine helped by the wind.

Rangers' other teams, except the Under 17 eleven, had a successful day, the total goals being 14 to 6.

POLONIA

The first game on the new ground at Kooyong Park Polonia won 10-0. The reserves also won at South Yarra 4-1. South Yarra is a very nice playing team, but thank our goalie, M. Terlikowski, who saved our team from at least three goals in the first half when playing against the wind.

The first team accepted an invitation from the Park Rangers First Division team to a game at Middle Park tomorrow, kick-off, 2.45. That game will be held to help the Soccer Queen Carnival to purchase a ground for Soccer only, from which all clubs will benefit. All soccer supporters are invited to the game and to help our common need by their collection. [This should be a great game in a good cause. Don't forget to turn up. ED.]

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PRAHRAN

Prahran's fifth successive win last Saturday brings it level at the top of the ladder with Brighton on points, but second only on goal average. However, continuation of the form shown recently will enable the club to keep within reach of the premiership.

The ground was heavy, and many good shots were spoiled when the ball touched water and fell dead. Several players staged dramatic aquatic acts.

Ron Taylor was welcomed back to the team after his recent injury. Remmers at centre-forward scored two of the four goals, and Barber, less fortunate, accidentally netted one for the opposition.

PRESTON

South Melbourne were too strong in a fast, exciting game. Injuries and retirement of players are handicaps, but with Reserves and Under 19 players, Preston is going to be reckoned with. The Under 17 team in a grand exhibition defeated Army Apprentices "B" 4-1. Brighton downed Under 14 team 2-1 after extra time. The social activity has in store something special. —V. HAYES.

SANDRINGHAM CITY

The First team beat Box Hill, 1-0, at Olive Street reserve in a hard and exciting game. The standard of football was good. The goalkeepers were splendid, while Reg Parkinson was at times brilliant. The only goal came from J. Wilson 15 minutes before time. New men, T. Lowe and E. Farmer, made good.

Reserve 5, Box Hill 0, at Box Hill.

Under 19 won against Hakoah at Olive Street in a first round game for the Junior Cup 2-0; Under 17 in the first round for the Miller Cup beat Park Rangers 2-0; and in the first round Blue Riband Cup, Sandringham Under 14 downed Box Hill 4-3 after extra time.

K. Prior, late of Marconi's F.C., Chelmsford, England, made his first appearance with the Reserves at Box Hill.

Crazy Whist Party will be held at the home of Mr. J. McLennan, 40 Crisp Street, Hampton, on Saturday, June 2, at 8 p.m. Other social events projects are a theatre party in town, a dance in a local hall, Sunday motor coach picnic to Cook Point, and a barbecue at the Olive Street oval. —W.E.L.

SOUTH YARRA

South Yarra at Yallourn divided the points after creditable football. Scorers were Bolton and Robinson.

The club's First Division Reserves against Yallourn Reserves at Fawkner Park saw Moores score the hat trick for South. The strong blustering wind militated against good passing. Grix cleverly drew the visitors' defence and Moore netted first goal for South. A raid by Yallourn failed. Then a great solo run down the left wing by Robertson ended in South's second goal. Clever play again by Robertson spreadeagled the defence, pushed the ball to Moores and another goal. Despite Yallourn's hard play, Yarra's new centre-half negated it time and time again. Half-time scores, South Yarra 3 to 0.

Just after resumption Moores notched his third goal with a great left-foot shot. Yallourn unluckily failed twice in a minute or two, for with Yarra's custodian down on the ground a rain of shots was stopped by his prone body. Finally Yallourn with Bolton netted. Final scores, South Yarra Reserves 3, Yallourn, 1.

The Third Reserves went down 4-1 to Polonia after a scrappy game, and Under 17 drew with Box Hill Juniors. Kemp scored South Yarra's goal.

ULSTERVILLE

Ulsterville through the agency of Finlay and Co. held off Frankston attacking with the wind in the first half. A movement on the right ended in Simmons scoring from close range and Ulsterville was 1-0 at half-time. Aided by the wind on resuming, Ulsterville's over-eagerness spoiled good attacks, but from a cross shot from the right Mannagh scored. Though Ulsterville continued on top, Frankston's left-wing cut in for goal and the final score was 2-1.

The club's inside-forward, Billy Campbell, is still confined to bed, but hopes are held out he'll soon be chasing the "leather." Congratulations to J. Mannagh on being picked for State trials. The club's dance last week was a success, and others are to follow. Soccer players from Ulster are asked to contact Mr. A. Branagh, hon. secretary, 38 William Street, Newport. —RED HAND.

Junior Section

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UNDER 16 STATE TRIALS

A State trial game for Under 16 will be played at Yarra Park tomorrow, Sunday June 3. The players nominated by clubs must appear at the entrance to Old Scotch oval (opposite Olympic Park) at 10.30 a.m. Teams are as follows:—

Smith (Sunshine United)		Gleeson (South Melb.)	
Taylor (Preston)		Mardson (Preston)	
Whalebone (Brighton)	Hathaway (South Melb.)	Barkly (S'shine Utd.)	Thoms (F'cray City)
Stewart (Coburg)	Durkin (S'hine Utd.)	Rule (Park Rangers)	
Hulvale (Coburg)	Fairweather (Preston)	Minns (Preston)	Lea (Brighton)
Hunter (South Melb.)	Galic (South Melb.)	Brotherich	Hodson (Sand. City)
Horman (Brighton)	Gray (Preston)	Calder (Sunshine United)	



Ron Hill, of Sunshine United, runs in to tackle as Eddie Bognor, of Brighton, shoots. Others in the picture are Otto Baum, Gordon Cullen, and Jimmy Young.



THE COACH SAYS

When Heading — Hit the Ball.

Heading plays a big part in soccer, both in defence and attack, but unless we know how to head a ball we cannot perfect the movement.

Firstly, it is essential that you hit the ball with your head rather than let the ball hit your head.

The part of the head to use is the middle of the forehead where the hair begins to grow. The head and the ball both are round objects, which means that accurate striking would normally be difficult, but the average forehead has the advantage of being comparatively flat, therefore should be able to direct the ball where you intend it to go.

Never attempt to head the ball with the top of the head. Firstly, you may damage your head or get concussion, and, secondly, the only result you could get would be to lob the ball straight up in the air. The result is nil.

Never head a ball unless you have a definite object; for instance a full-back may wish to clear, or pass in mid-field, or at goal. When you intend to head the ball down, time your jump so that you head the ball downwards at the top of your jump; when you have ceased to rise, naturally it is very difficult to head the ball downwards if you are still rising.

I think we may continue more with heading next week. In the meantime, what about a little practice to get direction and to strengthen those neck muscles? One of the best methods is to head a ball against a wall, keeping it from falling to the ground. Try it.

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UNDER 19 STATE TRIALS

I wish it to be known through your paper that the first trial games for the under 19 years Juniors will take place on Sunday, June 10, at 1.30, at Yarra Park, opposite Olympic Park.

All Secretaries of juniors, both under 17 and 19 years, please send in names to Mr. T. Dignam, Secretary Junior Soccer Association.

After the first trial game the committee will decide when the next trials both for the under 17 and 19 years will be held. —J. McCARTHY, chairman Junior Selection Committee.

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